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The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

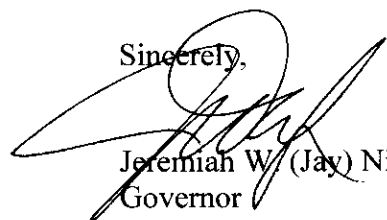
I would like to offer my support on behalf of St. Charles County's TIGER grant application for matching funds to complete Missouri Route 364 (Page Avenue).

Missouri Route 364 will complete a missing link in the region's transportation network, which has been planned and supported by local, regional, and state transportation authorities for 40 years. The completion of this project will:

- Reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions on Interstate 70, a transcontinental highway, and Interstate 64;
- Enhance mobility to and from economically distressed areas by improving transportation choices;
- Enhance system operations when the deck on the Missouri River bridge on Interstate 70 is replaced (\$70 million, scheduled in 2012) and during any other bridge construction or repair;
- Provide a freeway connector from Interstate 270 to Interstate 64;
- Facilitate more efficient freight movement on Interstate 70;
- Provide better access for the region's employment pool to employment opportunities and retraining facilities; and
- Foster long term economic growth in underutilized properties.

Thank you for your consideration of this application and this very important initiative, not just to the citizens of St. Charles County and the greater St. Louis region, but to all of Missouri and the Nation.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor